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SUBJECT: WALDHEIM VISIT AND FRENCH UNGA POSITIONS

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1. QUAI UN DIRECTOR ST. LEGIER COMMENTED BRIEFLY TO EMBOFF JULY 2 ON INFORMAL VISIT OF UNSYG WALDHEIM TO PARIS JUNE 27, AND ON SOME FRENCH PERCEPTIONS OF UNGA ISSUES. ST. LEGIER APOLOGIZED THAT NO ONE IN QUAI KNEW WHAT HAD COME OUT OF PRIVATE CONVERSATION BETWEEN SYG AND GISCARD.

2. DURING LUNCH WITH FONMIN SAUVAGNARGUES, WALDHEIM APPEARED PESSIMISTIC ABOUT INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS ON CYPRUS. SAUVAGNARGUES HAD DRAWN THE CONCLUSION THAT SYG WANTED TO AVOID COMPROMISING HIMSELF IN ANY CYPRUS  
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ROLE WHICH WAS DOOMED TO FAILURE. REGARDING EXPERTS

REPORT ON UN STRUCTURE, SYG WAS NEGATIVE; HE SAID OBVIOUSLY RELATIONS BETWEEN UN AND OTHER IO'S HAD TO BE IMPROVED, BUT NOT BY RADICAL SURGERY. ST' LEGIER ADDED THAT GOF IS OPPOSED TO ANY PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD REPLACE AUTHORITY OF FRENCH NATIONAL AS UNDER-SECRETARY GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS WITH OVERALL CZAR FOR ECONOMIC AID CHOSEN FROM LDC'S.

3. TURNING TO CONVERSATION SAUVAGNARGUES HAD HAD WITH SPANISH FONMIN CORTINA ON SAME DAY AS WALDHEIM'S VISIT, ST. LEGIER SAID THAT THEY HAD DISCUSSED UNGA PRESIDENCY. SAUVAGNARGUES HAD BEEN UNPLEASANTLY SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT SPANISH CANDIDANCY FOR UNGA PRESIDENT IS OFFICIALLY SUPPORTED BY GOS - AND NOT JUST BY PERM REP IN N.Y.

4. ST. LEGIER CONFIRMED REFTEL A INFORMATION THAT SYRIAN FONMIN KHADDAM HAD DISCUSSED ARAB ACTION TO SUSPEND ISRAELI PARTICIPATION IN UNGA. SAUVAGNARGUES HAD NOT ONLY AFFIRMED STRONG FRENCH OPPOSITION TO ANY SUCH MOVE BUT HAD ALSO DRAWN PARALLEL WITH ISRAELI EXPULSION FROM CERTAIN UNESCO ACTIVITIES, STRESSING THAT FRENCH PARLIAMENT HAD REACTED BY REDUCING GOF CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNESCO. ACCORDING TO ST. LEGIER, FRANCE WOULD USE ITS VETO IF SUCH ACTION AGAINST ISRAEL CAME TO UNSC; SAUVAGNARGUES HAD SO INDICATED TO KHADDAM, THOUGH GOF REALIZED ARABS HAVE UNGA ACTION IN MIND.

5. REGARDING STEPS TO HEAD OFF ISRAEL'S SUSPENSION, ST. LEGIER SAID GOF EXPECTS TO SPEAK TO OTHER ARABS IN SAME WAY AS SAU:VAGNARGUES SPOKE TO KHADDAM; HE DOES NOT YET KNOW WITH WHOM THIS MIGHT BE DONE OR WHEN. GOF IS PREPARED TO COORDINATE SUCH DEMARCHES NOT ONLY WITH ITS EC PARTNERS BUT ALSO WITH USG, BUT INSISTS THAT APPEARANCE OF TEN NATION COHESIVE FRONT MUST BE AVOIDED AS IT WOULD ONLY BE COUNTER PRODUCTIVE GOF ALSO BELIEVES FIRMLY THAT REPRESENTATIONS TO POSSIBLE ORGANIZERS OF ISRAELI SUSPENSION MUST BE HANDLED WITH GREAT TACT AND THREATS OF RETALIATION MUST BE AVOIDED.  
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